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Examiner Name	NGO, Hung V.
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

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Multiple dependent claims	360	180
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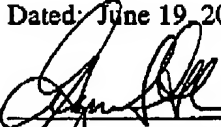
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The Status of the Claims is reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.